

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication that claims 4, 6, 8, 11 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. The Specification has been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims 1-3 and 5-15 are currently pending, with claims 1, 9 and 15 being the independent claims.

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 have been amended. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate the features of allowed dependent claim 4 which has been canceled. The claims have been amended to place the claims in more proper form under U.S. Patent Practice. Since independent claim 4 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 9 are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-3, 5-8 and 10-14 all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable.

Independent claim 15 has been added. Support for independent claim 15 may be found at, for example, pg. 12, line 28 thru pg. 13, line 2 of the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added. Independent claim 15 is an apparatus claim corresponding to independent method claim 1 and independent network claim 9, and also includes the limitations of dependent claim 4. Therefore, new independent claim 15 is allowable for the reasons that claims 1 and 9 are allowable.

In the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006, the Examiner required applicant under 37 C.F.R. 35 U.S.C. §119(b) to file a certified copy of the FI 20001509 application. The specification has been amended to indicate that the present application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/FI01/00599, filed on 25 June 2001, a published pamphlet version of which was included in the filing papers of this national stage application as WO 02/01818. As stated at §1893.03(c) of the MPEP (emphasis added):

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as a Designated Office, will normally request the International Bureau to furnish the copy of the certified priority document upon receipt of applicant's submission under 35 U.S.C. §371 to enter the U.S. national phase. The copy from the International Bureau is placed in the U.S. national stage file. The copy of the stamped priority document sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau is acceptable to establish that applicant has filed a certified copy of the priority document. The examiner should acknowledge in the next Office action that the copy of the certified copy of the foreign priority

document has been received in the national stage application from the International Bureau.


Therefore, in the present national stage application, the filing of the certified priority document is not necessary. Withdrawal of the requirement is respectfully requested. In any event, Applicant has submitted herewith an application data sheet that indicates the present application is a national stage application under 35 USC §371. Enclosed herewith is Form PCT/IB/304 dated October 1, 2001, indicating that the Finnish priority application was received in the International Stage of this National Phase application. Applicant requests the Examiner acknowledge that a certified copy of the priority document was received in the National Stage application from the International Bureau.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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